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CALFED Bay-Delta Program

Mr. Steve Ritchie, Executive Director
Cal-Fed Bay-Delta Program
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Ritchie:

This letter is in regards to the Final Programmatic EIS / EIR for the Cal-Fed Program.

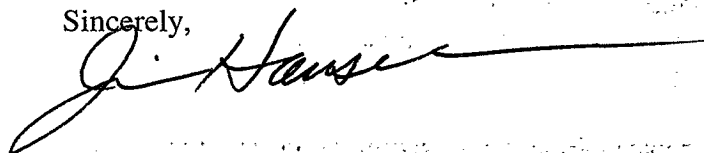
Please extend the time period to review the report recently released on July 21st, and also hold public hearings on the plan. With such an important issue, more public review and input should be considered.

We also believe the answer to California's water problems can be solved by additional storage, and that Cal Fed needs to work more quickly to develop additional surface storage. California has plenty of water, it just needs to have adequate storage and stop letting the Environmentalists block every project.

We also believe that landowners want to protect wildlife, and will do a great job of it if provided with incentives, instead of disincentives. The answer is not for the State to acquire more land, but to develop voluntary programs and incentives for private landowners.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this letter.

Sincerely,



Jim, Jess, Phil, Mark, Nis, and Erik Hansen

cc: Senator Dianne Feinstein Governor Gray Davis
Senator Barbara Boxer State Sen. Jim Costa
Rep. Cal Dooley Assemblyman Dean Florez